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Gentlemen:

I am in favor of your proposed rule making (RM-10352) on the =
partitioning of the 160 meter band. I am not a frequent user of 160 =
meters, but I can certainly see the need for it. I think it would keep =
the QRM at a controllable level if the SSB/AM and CW/data signals had =
separate sections.

I am in strong favor of RM-10354, your expansion of privileges to =
the Novice and Tech licensees on the HF bands as petitioned by John S. =
Rippey, W3ULS. They have little enough space on the bands as it is now, =
and this expansion would aid them in receiving information and training =
from other hams on good operating practices, and expand their interests. =

So many of the lower class licensees have so little knowledge of the =
many new modes of operation open to them, and this proposal would =
certainly make things like PSK31 open to them. I have been =
"advertising" and promoting the use of the new digital modes to the hams =
that I meet and talk to for quite some time, and I am surprised at the =
number of hams who have never heard of PSK31.=20

I see many positive things coming from this expansion, and it could =
instill a keener interest in ham radio for many of the Novice and Tech =
hams. This expansion would give them a chance to chase DX where they =
were never allowed to go before. We all know that DX stations rarely =
inhabit the Novice CW bands.

I can see no problem with RM-10353. It would be in the best =
interest of the ham community to allow this rule change because when a =
ham passes on, usually his family has no clue as to who to contact if =
they want to do something special in honor of their loved one having to =
do with his ham radio activities. This rule making would give the ham a =
choice in the matter before it is too late.

In regard to RM-10355, I have no problem with that, even though I =
have never heard retransmissions of space flight transmissions on the =
ham bands. It would certainly be interesting to listen to if I had the =
opportunity.

Sincerely,

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